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PREFACE.

It is the attempt of this Bulletin to provide an accurate reproduction of the first catalogue of Miami University, issued in July, 1826, after the University had been in actual operation for almost two years. Such an attempt appropriately opens a sort of "campaign of education" preparatory to the celebration in June, 1909, of the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of what was then styled "The Miami University." Despite our conventional boast regarding Miami's historical associations, the experience of the Centennial Committee suggests that most of the friends of the old institution have decidedly vague notions of her history. Witness the familiar question: "We had a seventy-fifth anniversary in 1899; how can we be a hundred years old in 1909?" To set such doubts at rest, it may be well to prefix a few statements of fact to the reprinted catalogue.

The Miami University was formally instituted by the General Assembly of Ohio in an act passed February 17, 1809. The wording of section 1 is memorable:

> *Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Obio,* That there shall be an university established and instituted, in the manner hereafter directed, within that part of the country known by the name of John Cleves Symmes' purchase, which university shall be designated by the name and style of the Miami University, for the instruction of youth in all the various branches of the liberal arts and sciences, for the promotion of good education, virtue, religion, and morality, and for conferring all the literary honors granted in similar institutions; and the benefits and advantages of the said University shall be open to all the citizens within this state.

This same act provided for a commission to select a permanent site for the University, and appointed the following fourteeen original trustees:

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The first regular meeting of this Board was held June 7, 1809, at Lebanon, Ohio, which seems to have been the location preferred by the commission for the University. The next February, however, the General Assembly took the matter of location into its own hands, and established Miami at the town of Oxford, which was to be laid off in the township of land previously set apart for the endowment of the University.

Progress was slow and disheartening during the next ten years. The trustees met from time to time, often without a quorum to transact business. Provision was made for the survey and disposition of lands, and for the collection of fees, but years had to elapse before there was a fund sufficient to justify opening a college. A "missionary" was sent into the east to solicit contributions to the new enterprise, but secured little except some consignments of books, many of them unsuited for a college library.

Building was begun as soon as possible. From February 13, 1811, dates an ordinance of the trustees munificently providing for the erection of "a school house for the use of the Miami University out of the funds of the same University, the amount thereof not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars." In the spring of 1815 work was begun on a much larger scale, so that the journal of the trustees for June 23, 1818, records with no little pride the completion of a University building, at the cost of $6167.00. At this meeting the trustees also provided for the first regular instruction given under the direction of the University—a Grammar School, to be taught by the Reverend James Hughes, beginning the first Tuesday of the next November.

In 1820, contracts were let for a pretentious three-story addition to the first building, adjoining it on the east, and corresponding to the square central portion of the present main building. This was to be completed by October 1, 1822, at which time the buildings of the University consisted of this three-story structure, with its west wing, and of a "mansion-house" used for residence purposes.

By 1824, the funds of the University were deemed sufficient to support a college, and the Board resolved to begin college activities the first Monday of November, with a faculty consisting of a president and one tutor to assist him. Robert H. Bishop was elected President, and William Sparrow tutor. Upon due consideration, this faculty was increased before November by the election of John E. Annan as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. In March, 1825, Mr. Sparrow was made Professor of Languages, and a year later was succeeded in that chair by William H. McGuffey.

Miami opened in November, 1824, according to program, and the little faculty of three assumed responsibility over twenty students, whose names will be noted later. It will be seen by the catalogue that there were then two terms to the year—one from the first of November to the last of March, and the other from the first of May to the last of September. The University must have fairly leaped into favor, for before the end of the first year the roll of students had grown to 68, and the spring term of the second year saw an attendance of 111, as recorded in the first catalogue.

Much of the history of Miami University remains to be written; some of it never can be. The facts regarding the various steps in the progress and the names of those who directed its career are of course accessible in the records of Trustees and Faculty. But the actual life of those early days, the legendary fabric of student experience, is fast vanishing from our possession and cannot be recalled. The oldest of the aulmni and former students are constantly dropping from the ranks. Hence it is especially desirable that there be collected and put in permanent form, in connection with this approaching Centennial, as much as possible of reminiscence and tradition looking toward a vital history of Miami University. This Bulletin may be regarded as the first call to alumni and friends for such information,

which may be sent to the Chairman of the Centennial Committee, and will be filed and accredited as received. Some of it, if possible, will be published before the celebration in the Miami Student or the University Bulletins, and all of it will be used as data for the Centennial History of the University,

As a feature of the Centennial, the Committee contemplates the preparation of a Historical Museum of Miami University, to include both loan exhibits and those which may become permanent property of the University. Those in possession of documents, relics or antiquities of any sort connected with Miami's history, or those who know of the existence of such material, are urged to communicate promptly with the Committee. The exhibits will be faithfully cared for while in the Committee's possession.

The Centennial Celebration itself promises to be the largest and most significant event in the history of the Miami Valley. The exercises will extend through the regular Commencement Week of Miami University in June, 1909, and will bring together all the distinguished living alumni and former students of Miami, as well as many of the leading educators of America. As the crowds will doubtless far exceed Oxford's accommodation facilities, a comfortable temporary camp is in contemplation, where the young people of south-western Ohio may enjoy an outing in connection with the privileges of the various programs. Educational gatherings, athletic contests, and the like, will be arranged at the close of the preceding week, to justify the longer stay that camping may involve. A vigorous campaign of advertising will be instituted next Commencement, to continue throughout the year; but in the meantime the active interest of all friends of Miami is solicited for the historical features of the undertaking, and suggestions of every sort are welcome.

A. H. UPHAM,
Oxford, Ohio.
Chairman Centennial Committee.

CATALOGUE

OF THE

OFFICERS AND STUDENTS

OF THE

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

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EXTRACT FROM THE BYE LAWS.

1st. There shall be a stated meeting of the Faculty on the last Saturday of every month at 10 o'clock A. M.

2d. At this meeting a return shall be made by every instructor of all the absences and deficiencies which may have occurred in his department during the month, and these returns shall be put upon file and preserved until the end of the session.

3d. The Faculty shall also at each of these monthly meetings enter into a full and free conversation on the conduct & progress of the students generally & if any student, all circumstances being taken into view, shall be found not making the progress which he might do, or not conducting himself with that order and sobriety which are becoming, information of his situation shall be immediately communicated to his parents that he may be removed.

4th. No student shall be allowed to recite with any class, who does not, within ten days after he may have made application to be admitted into that class, lodge with the President a certificate from the instructor, stating that his previous acquirements are such as to entitle him to a regular standing in said class.

5th. No individual shall be allowed, on any account whatever, to continue connected with any department, who is not in the opinion of the Faculty fully employed. Nor shall any individual be permitted to omit reciting with any class to which he may be attached, but by a vote of the Faculty at their stated monthly meeting.

RESIDENT GRADUATE.

1 Thomas E. Hughes, *of Jefferson College, Pennsylvania.*

SENIORS.

1	Samuel C. Baldridge,	:	*Adams county, Ohio.*
2	William M. Corry,	:	*Hamilton do do*
3	Daniel L. Gray,	:	*Abbeville, S. Carolina.*
4	James P. Pressly,	:	*do do do*
5	Ebenezer Pressly,	:	*do do do*
6	James Reynolds,	:	*Preble county, Ohio.*
7	James Thompson,	:	*Hamilton do do*
8	John Thompson,	:	*do do do*
9	John P. Vandyke,	:	*Warren do do*
10	John L. Weaver,	:	*do do do*

11	James Worth	:	*Warren county, Ohio.*
12	Ebenezer Woodruff,	:	*Hamilton do do*

JUNIORS.

1	James H. Bacon,	:	*Montgomery county, O.*
2	John W. Caldwell,	:	*Warren do do*
3.	G. R. Gassaway,	:	*Hamilton do do*
4	Thomas A. Jones,	:	*do do do*
5	John M'Mehan,	:	*Butler do do*
6	Robert C. Schenck,	:	*Warren do do*
7	Joseph S. Wallace,	:	*do do do*

SOPHOMORES.

1	Thomas Armstrong,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*
2	George Bishop,	:	*do do do*
3	Bernard Brewster,	:	*Jefferson do Ia.*
4	Godwin V. Dorsey,	:	*Butler do Ohio.*
5	Henry P. Galloway,	:	*Green do do*
6	John M. Garrigus,	:	*Park do Indiana.*
7	Samuel W. Parker	:	*Butler do Ohio.*
8	Joseph H. Reily	:	*do do do*
9	James Simpson,	:	*Preble do do*
10	Hugh B. Wilson	:	*Butler do do*
11	Taylor Webster,	:	*Butler do do*
12	William Burch,	:	*Fleming do Ky.*

FRESHMAN.

1	William Boyce,	:	*Preble county, Ohio.*
2	Courtland Cushing,	:	*Warren do do*
3	Ebenezer Elliott.	:	*Preble do do*
4	William F. Ferguson,	:	*Franklin do Ia.*
5	James N. Gamble,	:	*Green do Ohio.*
6	John Hunt,	:	*Jefferson do Ia.*
7	George W. Jones,	:	*Hamilton do Ohio.*
8	Ralph P. Lowe,	:	*Warren do do*
9	William C. Lyle,	:	*Bourben do Ky.*
10	John M'Dill,	:	*Preble do Ohio.*
11	James Reily,	:	*Butler do do*
12	William B. Russell,	:	*Adams do do*
13	John Vanausdall,	:	*Preble do do*

14	Nathaniel Weed,	:	*Preble county, Ohio.*
15	Elias Williams,	:	*Butler do do*
16	Ira Root,	:	*Hamilton do do*

ENGLISH SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT.

THIRD CLASS.

1	William Bishop,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*
2	Samuel Fleming,	:	*do do do*
3	Robert G. Linn,	:	*Warren do do*
4	William Porter,	:	*Butler do do*
5	Ezekiel Walker,	:	*Hamilton do do*

SECOND CLASS.

1	Freeman Alger,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*
2	Charles Barnes,	:	*Hamilton do do*
3	John H. Boyce,	:	*Preble do do*
4	Robert C. Caldwell,	:	*Warren do do*
5	Edward F. Chittenden,	:	*Butler* " "
6	John Harrison,	:	*Warren* " "
7	Wm. Hueston,	:	*Butler* " "
8	Algernon S. Foster,	:	*Hamilton* " "
9	Thomas I. Foster,	:	" " "
10	Cyrus Falconer,	:	*Butler* " "
11	Caleb B. Smith,	:	*Hamilton* " "
12	Abner Longly,	:	*Butler* " "
13	Hugh Webster,	:	" " "

FIRST CLASS.

1	Robert Blair,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*
2	Joseph Blair,	:	" " "
3	Clement Brown,	:	*Hamilton* " "
4	Jonathan Harshman,	:	*Montgomery* "
5	Samuel M'Cleane,	:	*Hamilton* " "
6	Thomas Pursell,	:	*Dearborn* " *Indiana.*
7	Alvah White,	:	*Butler* " *Ohio.*

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SENIOR CLASS.

1	Robert Bishop,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*
2	David H. Bruen,	:	*Montgomery county, O.*
3	Robert P. Brown,	:	*do do do*
4	Isaac N. Gard,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*

5	Wm. Gregg,	:	*Jefferson county, Ia.*
6	James Killough,	:	*Preble county, Ohio.*
7	Wm. M'Queston,	:	*do do do*
8	Adam M'Creary,	:	*do do do*
9	James Porter,	:	*do do do*
10	Wm. Pressly,	:	*Abbeville, S. Carolina.*
11	Isaac P Schenck,	:	*Warren county, Ohio.*
12	Roger N. Stemble,	:	*Montgomery do do.*
13	Wm. Woodruff,	:	*Butler* " "

SECOND CLASS.

1	Ebenezer Bishop,	:	*Butler county, Ohio.*
2	Wm. Cochrane,	:	" " "
3	Wm. Horner,	:	" " "
4	James Irwin,	:	" " "
5	Isaac H. Jennings,	:	*Warren* " "
6	George W. Kidd,	:	*Butler* " "
7	Thomas H. Lynch,	:	*Warren* " "
8	Felix Marsh,	:	*Preble* " "
9	Daniel S. Major,	:	*Dearborn* " *Indiana.*
10	Milton M'Clean,	:	*Franklin* " *Ohio.*
11	James Mount,	:	*Franklin* " *Indiana.*
12	Jesse Murrell,	:	*Butler* " *Ohio.*
13	John S. Patterson,	:	*Hamilton* " "
14	John Rhea,	:	*Butler* " "
15	John B. W. Weller,	:	" " "

FIRST CLASS.

1	James Anderson,	:	*Delaware county, Ohio.*
2	John Coffeen,	:	*Warren* " "
3	Adam Deam,	:	*Butler* " "
4	Wm. Greer,	:	" " "
5	George H. Hastings,	:	" " "
6	Reuben Jacobi,	:	" " "
7	George Keever,	:	*Warren* " "
8	David G. Leigh,	:	*Butler* " "
9	James M'Mannas,	:	*Union* " *Indiana.*
10	Theodore Woodruff,	:	*Butler* " *Ohio.*

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Those whose names are in the above catalogue are natives of fourteen different states. The youngest is in his seventh and the oldest in his thirty-third year. The great body are however natives of Ohio, and betwixt the ages of fourteen and twenty-one.

At the close of the last session six had their names returned to their parents as not having made that improvement which would justify any further trouble or expense in endeavoring to give them a liberal education, and fourteen of the good and promising students of that session have been prevented by the circumstances of their lot from prosecuting their studies in this session. One of the present session has been sent home as not promising.

Add these twenty-one to the one hundred and eleven given above and you have one hundred and thirty-two, as the sum total of the present year.

The College year is divided into two sessions of five months each. The winter session commences on the first Monday of November, and ends on the last Wednesday of March. The summer session commences on the first Monday of May, and ends on the last Wednesday of September.

The Board of Trustees meets statedly at the end of each session.

COURSE OF STUDY.

1. Grammar School.

The studies of the Grammar School, preparatory to admission into the Freshmen Class, are English, Latin, and Greek Grammar, Mair's Introduction to the making of Latin, Caesar's Commentaries, Cicero's select orations, Virgil's Æneid, Greek Testament, Collectanea Minora, and Arithmetic, including vulgar and decimal fractions, and the extraction of roots.

II. The Freshmen Class.

FIRST SESSION.

Algebra, Sallust, six books of Homer's Iliad, Græca Majora begun, Adam's Roman Antiquities begun, Modern Geography, Prosody revised, English Grammar revised, translations from Greek and Latin into English, Declamation and Bible recitations.

SECOND SESSION.

Euclid's elements, Horace's Odes and Satires, Græca Majora continued, Roman Antiquities finished, Ancient Geography, Morell's Rome, Neilson's Greek exercises, Double translations, Declamation and Bible recitations.

III. The Sophomore Class Study.

FIRST SESSION.

(Cambridge Mathematics) Plane Trigonometry, Logarithms, Mensuration, Surveying, Horace's Epistles, Græca Majora continued, Double translations, Morell's Greece, Declamation and Bible recitations.

SECOND SESSION.

(Cambridge Mathematics,) Spherical Trigonometry, Navigation, Dialling, Excerpta Latina begun, First volume of Majora finished, Double translations, Declamation and Bible recitations.

IV. The Junior Class Study.

FIRST SESSION.

Conic Sections, Fluxion's, Physical and Political Geography with the use of the globes, Excerpta Latina finished, Second volume of Majora begun, Tytler's Elements of History begun, Composition, Declamation and Bible recitations.

SECOND SESSION.

Natural and Experimental Philosophy, Virgil's Georgics, Horace de Arte Poetica, Græca Majora continued, Translation from Greek into Latin and from Latin into Greek, Tytler's Elements finished, Hebrew Grammar, Jamison's Grammar of Rhetoric, Composition, Declamation and Bible recitations.

V. The Senior Class Study.

FIRST SESSION.

Moral Philosophy including the Philosophy of the mind, Astronomy, Chemistry, Græca Majora finished, Cicero de Oratore, Latin and Greek compositions, Hebrew Bible begun, Declamation and Bible recitations.

SECOND SESSION.

Logic, Say's Political Economy, Cicero de Officiis et de Natura Decorum, Select portions of Graeca Majora revised, Hebrew Bible continued, Evidences of Divine Revelation, Declamation and Bible recitations.

VI. English Scientific Department.

The studies of the English Scientific Department are substantially the same with the studies of the College Classes, with the exception of the Latin and Greek languages. No person can be admitted into this department who is under sixteen years of age; and to profit by admission, arrangements ought to be made so that each student may continue two years at least. It is intended to have some of the modern languages taught in this department, and to give regular diplomas to those who may study the whole course.

Miscellaneous Notices.

A small but well selected Philosophical and Chemical apparatus has been imported from London. Additional articles will be procured as the state of the institution may demand; a small sum is also permanently appropriated to procure regularly, for the use of the Faculty, a few of the most important Literary Journals and any new work which may be of more than ordinary interest in any of the departments of science.

The first commencement will be on the last Wednesday of September next, when the degree of A. B. will be conferred on the members of the present Senior Class.

With the commencement of the third year, on the first Monday of November next, it is proposed to form a regular class of resident Graduates. The studies of this class will embrace a course of general reading adapted to the particular profession, to which the members may be

individually devoted and to a review of any of their former studies to which they may be peculiarly attached.

No degree of A. M. or of any kind will in any case be conferred as a mere matter of course. Particular attainments and a character corresponding to these attainments will in every case be required.

EXPENCES.

Tuition in Grammar School and in First Class E. S. Department, } $5 per Session.

College Proper and Second and Third Classes E. S. Department, } $10 per Session.

Boarding One Dollar per week.

To those parents and guardians who have thus far encouraged an infant institution, those who have the more immediate direction of its concerns tender their sincere and grateful acknowledgements; and trusting in the continued protection of a wise and good Providence, assurance is hereby given that every possible exertion will be made to make the MIAMI UNIVERSITY, in all its departments a public and common good.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF FACULTY MEETING.

Miami University Nov. 13th, 1824.

The faculty met for the first time. Members present Rev. Robt. H. Bishop, John E. Annan, and William Sparrow. The following students were reported as having been regularly entered, viz:

IN COLLEGE.

JUNIOR CLASS.

1	Daniel Lewis Gray,	21	years	Abbeville, S. C.
2	James Pressley	16	do	do do
3	Ebenezer Pressly	16	do	do do
4	John T. Vandyke	21	do	Warren, Ohio.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

5	James H. Bacon	13	do	Montgomery, Ohio
6	John W. Caldwell	16	do	Warren do
7	Robert C. Schenck	15	do	do do

FRESHMAN CLASS.

8	George Bishop	14	do	Butler Ohio
9	Robert C. Caldwell	14	do	Warren do
10	Godwin V. Dorsey	12	do	Butler do
11	John M. Garrigus	17	do	do do
12	Edward Sparrow	15	do	do do

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST CLASS.

1	David H. Bruen	13	do	Montgomery, Ohio
2	William H. Blodget	10	do	do do
3	Isaac N. Gard	13	do	Butler do
4	George W. Goble	19	do	do do
5	George W. Smith	15	do	Montgomery do
6	Isaac P. Schenck	14	do	Warren do

GRAMMAR CLASS.

7	Robt. Bishop	10 do	Butler	Ohio
8	Richard M. Ross	11 do	Warren	do

ROLL MAY 30th, (1825)

JUNIOR CLASS.

1	Samuel Baldridge	24 years	Adams County,	Ohio
2	Daniel Lewis Gray	21 do	Abbeville, S. C.	
3	Robert G. Linn	22 do	Butler County,	Ohio
4	James Pressly	16 do	Abbeville, S. C.	
5	Ebenezer Pressly	16 do	do	do
6	James Stewart	23 do	Richland County,	Ohio
7	John P. Vandyke	21 do	Warren do	do
8	John S. Weaver	22 do	Butler do	do
9	James Worth	24 do	Preble do	do
10	William Bishop	19 do	Butler do	do
11	James Reynolds	19 do	Preble do	do

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

1	James H Bacon	13 do	Montgomery Co.	Ohio
2	John W. Caldwell	16 do	Warren do	do
3	Richard Disney	14 do	Hamilton do	do
4	Thomas A. Jones	18 do	do do	do
5	Robert C. Schenck	15 do	Warren do	do
6	John McMahen	15 do	Butler do	do

FRESHMAN CLASS.

1	John Alexander	15 do	Green County,	Ohio
2	George Bishop	14 do	Butler do	do
3	Bernard Brewster	26 do	Jefferson, Indiana	
4	Robert C. Caldwell	14 do	Warren County,	Ohio
5	Godwin V. Dorsy	12 do	Butler do	do
6	John M. Garrigus	17 do	Butler do	do
7	Edward Lytle	16 do	Hamilton do	do
8	Theodore Smith	16 do	Montgomery do	do
9	Samuel W. Parker	19 do	Butler do	do
10	Taylor Webster	23 do	do do	do

ADDITIONS.

June 14th.	George W. Jones,	age	17	Hamilton	County,	Ohio.
	Norman Squire	do	20	Preble	do	do
	J. P. Hagget	do	21	Butler	do	do
	William Boice	do	18	Preble	do	do
	Nathaniel Weed	do	17	do	do	do
July 14th.	Joseph Pierce	do	15	Hamilton	do	do
	Alexander Hoffman	do	21	Rush	County,	Indiana.
August 1.	Ebenezer N. Elliot	do	21	Preble	County,	Ohio.
14.	Andrew B. Combs	do	20	Butler	do	do
Sept. 1.	James Killough	do	25	Preble	do	do

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